

Our ref: MMC/GHR

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a fantastically positive week here at STWA, with many of our students being rewarded for their investment and their attendance, as well as receiving positive praise messages home for their exemplary conduct in lessons and around the academy. Our Year 11 students have started their trial examinations with a great attitude and are all demonstrating just how fully invested they are in their futures.

As a reminder, the academy is closed to students next Friday 24th November for a staff INSET day.

Teaching and Learning

Year 11 students have commenced trial examinations in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, History, French, Sport, Computer Science, Food and Business this week. The investment of students throughout the week has been impeccable and it has been great to see the vast majority of students attending the Pre-Achieve sessions each morning from 7.45am to access additional support from subject teachers and to ensure they are fuelled with tea and toast. The Pre-Achieve sessions and trial examinations will continue next week, with students receiving their results in due course.

Events and Enrichment

Better Learners, Better Workers

Our students taking part in the Better Learners, Better Workers programme visited Bowmer and Kirkland's construction site in Stainforth on Wednesday this week. Students were given an informative presentation on the different job roles in the construction industry, from designing to constructing. They were treated to a site tour around a huge distribution warehouse and their offices. Students were asking highly informative questions about career progress and earning potential if they were to work in this sector.

STWA Enrichment Offer

STWA are proud of our enrichment offer for all students. There is something for everyone, from sports to crafts, and it has been fantastic to share the goings-on from some of our clubs on our social media platforms. Every club is free for students to attend, and they can just turn up on the day. They are rewarded with house points for attending the clubs, and there is no limit to the number of clubs they can attend each week on different days. Our enrichment timetable can be found on our website - [Sir Thomas Wharton Academy - ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME \(stwacademy.com\)](https://www.stwacademy.com/enrichment-programme)

KS3 Theatre trip to see Beauty and the Beast in pantomime

As part of our Enrichment Pledge, we are giving every student at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy the chance to attend a pantomime performance of Beauty and the Beast at Cast Doncaster on Friday 8th December at 7pm. Theatre acts as a window to a broader world, and we will ensure all our students get to experience this for free! We cannot wait to enjoy this experience with all students in Years 7,8, and 9!

Please complete the form on this link to confirm that your child will be attending this festive event - <https://forms.office.com/e/XC1hQujMag>



House Updates

Wentworth are still leading our house points competition with a mammoth 2205 House Points being accrued for this half term. Cusworth are rapidly coming up the back stretch and chasing the win! This week, we have launched our box tasks which represent another opportunity for students to earn House Points, along with our Weekly Wins and tutor time tasks!

Standards

Please can we remind parents and students to ensure that you check ClassCharts daily to keep up to date with students' behaviours in school. As staff, it is great to be awarding large number of positive points each day to students. These will lead to amazing rewards at the end of the half term which students can be a part of. ClassCharts will also allow you to check any negative behaviours each day. This will enable you to support and remind students who have detentions and other sanctions to sit. We have had a large push with attendance to detentions over the past week and all students are expected to attend these.

Post 16 News

Parent's Consultation Evening – Tuesday 21st November

Next week, we have our first Post 16 Parent's Consultation Evening for this academic year, where you have the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers. The event will be held online to facilitate meetings with teachers at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy and Maltby Academy. Information around booking these events has been shared via ClassCharts. To access the booking/appointment system please use the links below:

For lessons taught at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy, please use the following link to book (appointments available 3.30pm-6.30pm): <https://stwcc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

For lessons taught at Maltby Academy, please use this link (appointments available 4.00-7.00pm): <https://maltbyacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Tea, Targets and Textbooks

On Monday, Year 13 came together for Tea, Targets and Textbooks. It was a great afternoon to discuss their targets for the academic year as they work towards their A Levels, whilst sharing an afternoon tea. We shared with the students over £4000 of revision guides to support their learning, showing our commitment to them as individuals to achieve the absolute best that they can.

Year 13 Trials

The week commencing 27th November, Year 13 take part in trial exams across their subjects. Individual timetables will be shared with students next week. All students are expected to arrive promptly and fully equipped for their respective exams. The outcome of these trials will help inform bespoke support, intervention, and praise as appropriate for students.

Yours faithfully

Mr. M McDonald
Principal

